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Effigy Mounds  
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## Effigy Mounds News Release

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### Effigy Mounds Bird Walk

Effigy Mounds National Monument will continue its tradition of monthly summer bird walks on Saturday, June 9th. Birders of all abilities are welcome to join retired Wisconsin Conservation Officer Dennis Kirschbaum at the visitor center at 8:00 a.m.

The Yellow River Bridge Trail has proven to be a great success for birders. Prothonotary warblers, orioles and occasional wood ducks welcome visitors to the area. The trail winds through a woodland and passes by a pond, under the highway and along a wetland. The varied habitats along this short trail give birders ample opportunity to observe a wide range of species.

Those visitors who would like to walk farther will have the option of going up the North Unit Trail toward the restored prairie on the top of the bluff. Indigo buntings, scarlet tanagers, woodpeckers and towhees are common in this area. Great-crested flycatchers and turkey vultures may be seen on the return trip from Fire Point.

Visitors are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes and bring binoculars, a pencil (checklists will be provided), and water for the hike. Beginning to expert birders are welcome; guided bird walks will be offered once a month throughout the season - July 14, August 18, September 29, October 6 (HawkWatch).

Effigy Mounds National Monument preserves prehistoric American Indian burial and ceremonial mounds, including some in the shape of animals. The Monument's main entrance is located three miles north of Marquette, Iowa and 22 miles south of Waukon, Iowa on HWY 76. The visitor center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hiking trails are open dawn until dusk. For more information, call (563) 873-3491 or visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/efmo](http://www.nps.gov/efmo).